

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An oil pump for an automatic transmission comprising:

a pump body; ~~having a pump chamber~~[[.]]

a pump cover ~~disposed so as to oppose~~ opposed to the pump body to define a pump chamber between the pump body and the pump cover, the pump chamber communicating with a pump suction port and a pump discharge port[[.]]

an inner rotor disposed in the pump chamber and driven by a driving force from a torque converter; ~~and~~

an outer rotor meshed with the inner rotor;[[.]]

~~wherein the pump body includes a pump suction port, a pump discharge port,~~

a first oil passage for supplying oil from ~~[[a]]~~ an oil pan to the pump suction port;[[.]]

a second oil passage for returning excess oil of a first regulator to the first oil passage; ~~and~~

a third oil passage having an outlet port for ~~returning~~ returning excess oil of a second regulator to the pump suction port;

wherein the third oil passage has a circular arc shape positioned at an outer side of the pump suction port and surrounding the suction port, the third oil passage terminating at the pump suction port, and

wherein a radially inwardly projecting portion is formed inside of an outlet of the second oil passage, and oil flow from the outlet of the second oil passage follows the oil flow in the first oil passage.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) An oil pump for an automatic transmission as recited in Claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 further comprising a pump plate which is disposed on mating faces between the pump body and the pump cover, and which closes an opening of the pump chamber, wherein the pump plate includes a pump suction port, a pump discharge port, a first oil passage for supplying oil from the oil pan to the pump suction port and a radially inwardly projecting portion which is opposite to provided on the pump plate opposing the radially inwardly projecting portion of the pump body.